

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0001759-10-0

Permittee: Johnsonville LLC, PO Box 906 Route 1, Sheboygan Falls, WI, 53085

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Johnsonville LLC, N6927 Johnsonville Way, Town of Sheboygan Falls, WI

Receiving Water And Location: The Sheboygan River (Sheboygan River Basin) in Sheboygan County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Johnsonville LLC (hereafter Johnsonville) is headquartered in central Sheboygan County in the Township of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. Johnsonville consists of three separate sausage processing facilities within the campus producing a total of 345 million pounds of product annually. These facilities include: Countryside (fresh, non-cooked sausage), Meadowside (smoked and cooked sausage), and Riverside (smoked and cooked sausage). All wastewaters generated are treated at two separate industrial wastewater treatment plants owned by Johnsonville (WWTP 1 and WWTP 2; and formerly referenced as the Countryside and Meadowside plants) with a combined annual average design treatment capacity of 0.63 MGD. The WWTPs treat process wastewater (primarily cleanup water) from the three production/processing facilities and a pilot lab, ammonia system cooling tower and boiler blowdown from the production facilities, employee sanitary wastes, and sanitary wastes from the unincorporated community of Johnsonville. Effluent from the two WWTPs are combined prior to UV disinfection and discharged to the east bank of the Sheboygan River through a combined Outfall 002, 600' downstream from CTH JM. Non-contact cooling water (supplied through private wells and without additives) from the Riverside facility is discharged at average of 1,000 gallons per day through a separate Outfall 003 to the west bank of the Sheboygan River, about 200' downstream from CTH JM. Proposed changes include adjustment to various monitoring frequencies, inclusion of year-round monitoring and limit for fecal coliform bacteria applied as a technology based effluent limit for the industry category, and phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance requirements.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Bryan Hartsook, DNR, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53233, (414) 263-8512, Bryan.Hartsook@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Curtis Nickels, 1155 Pilgrim Road, Plymouth, WI 53073, (920) 893-8530, Curtis.Nickels@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance: The Department has determined that the permittee is eligible for a phosphorus multi-discharger variance (MDV) in accordance with s. 283.16, Wis. Stats. The MDV provides a time extension for the permittee to comply with the final water quality based effluent limits for phosphorus while contributing funds towards nonpoint pollution control projects to reduce phosphorus. Comments on this determination are requested and additional supporting documentation and data are available upon request.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (414) 263-8512 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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